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SOURCE

1. The tent camp of a unit of troops with black-bordered crimson epaulets, which was first observed in the area southeast of the Luftkriegsschule at Dresden-Klotzsche (N 52/F 29) on 5 July 1951, was no longer there on 17 July. The camp must have been broken a short time before.
2. On 17 July, the Hermann Goering Kaserne quartered a guard unit and a repair shop unit totaling about 200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Five tanks left the installation toward Dresden, and an armored reconnaissance car was seen arriving at the installation from the direction of Dresden. The Napola was vacated and its gates closed. No vehicular traffic or sentries were noticed there on 17, 19 and 21 July.
3. On 25, 26 and 28 July, 60 to 80 soldiers were seen in the camp of 33 tents near the ferry-house at Alt Kaditz. The troops wore black-bordered black epaulets and were engaged in various activities in the camp.
4. A tent camp observed opposite the Luftkriegsschule, Dresden-Klotzsche, on 5 July had been broken by 13 July. The camp, which had been located in the woods close to the road, had been connected with the Luftkriegsschule by a temporary telephone line. *
5. On 2 August, source learned from the owner of a restaurant near the Nachrichten Kaserne, Dresden-Jebigau, that the troops from the installation, about 800 men were camping on the east bank of the Elbe River, north of the autobahn bridge at Kaditz. When source stood on the west bank of the Elbe River, he observed numerous tents and a dump containing engineer equipment on the other side.
6. Only 24 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the Flak Kaserne, Dresden-Nickern, on 31 July and 1 August, and they were policing the barracks yard. A gardener living nearby stated that the troops from the installation had gone to Koenigsbrueck a long time ago, and only about 80 soldiers remained at the installation.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The information in paragraphs 1 and 4 again confirms that a tent camp had been located in the area southeast of the Luftkriegsschule, Dresden-Klotzsche. Pertinent reports received to date indicate that the camp had been established about 28 June and had been broken prior to 13 July. However, the present report contains no indications as to the billeting capacity of the camp.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The present report confirms previous reports [REDACTED] on the occupation of the individual barracks installations and the tent camp at the Alt Kaditz ferry-house.

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